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(7) All weather access for: employment, commerce, health, safety, educational resources, and housing.

(b) Funding is limited to the estimated cost of repairing damage to the IRR transportation facility up to a maximum of \$1 million per application.

(c) A project submitted as an emergency/disaster must be at least 10 percent of a tribe's relative need distribution.

(d) BIA's regional roads engineer or the tribe, if it has plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) approval authority will certify the cost estimate in approving the plans, specifications, and estimates for the IRRHPP.

(e) The Project Scoring Matrix is found in appendix A to subpart C.

## § 170.210 How may a tribe apply for IRRHPP?

A tribe may apply for IRRHPP funds by submitting a complete application to BIADOT. The application must include:

(a) Project scope of work (deliverables, budget breakdown, timeline);

(b) Amount of IRRHPP funds requested;

(c) Project information addressing ranking criteria identified in §170.209, or the nature of the emergency/disaster;

(d) Documentation that the project meets the definition of an IRR transportation facility and is in the IRR Inventory;

(e) Documentation of official tribal action requesting the IRRHPP project; and

(f) Documentation from the tribe providing authority for BIA to place the project on an IRRHPP TIP if the project is selected and approved.

## § 170.211 What is the IRRHPP Funding Priority List?

The IRRHPP Funding Priority List (FPL) is the ranked IRRHPPs approved for funding under §170.209.

(a) The number of projects on the FPL is limited by the amount of IRRHPP funds available at the beginning of the fiscal year.

(b) BIA will place all projects on the FPL on an IRRHPP TIP and forward them to FHWA for approval.

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## § 170.212 What is the timeline for IRRHPPs?

(a) BIA will accept IRRHPP applications until December 31 each year for projects during the following year. BIA processes IRRHPP applications as shown in the following table:

By . . .	BIA will . . .
(1) January 31	Notify all applicants and Regions in writing of acceptance of applications.
(2) March 31 ...	Coordinate with FLH to rank all accepted applications in accordance with Appendix A to Subpart C, develop the FPL, and return unaccepted applications to the applicant with an explanation of the deficiencies.
(3) April 15 .....	Notify all accepted applicants of the projects included on the FPL.
(4) May 15 .....	Distribute funds to BIA Regions or in accordance with procedures of the Office of Self-Governance for selected IRRHPP.

(b) If total funding for accepted projects does not equal the total funds available for IRRHPP, the remaining funds will be redistributed by the Relative Need Distribution Factor in accordance with Appendix C to subpart C.

(c) All IRRHPP funds must be obligated on or before August 15. If it is anticipated that these funds cannot be obligated by the end of the fiscal year, IRRHPP funds assigned to an approved project must be returned to FHWA by August 1. BIA will redistribute these funds the following fiscal year to those approved projects. (See §170.213.)

## § 170.213 How long are IRRHPP funds available for a project?

Any project not under contract for construction within 3 fiscal years of its initial listing on an FPL will forfeit its unexpended funding. Applicants may request, in writing, a one-time, 1-year extension of this deadline from BIA. Upon completion of an IRRHPP, funds that are reserved but not expended are to be recovered and returned to the IRRHPP funding pool.

## § 170.214 How does award of an emergency/disaster project affect projects on the FPL?

(a) A tribe may submit an emergency/disaster project any time during the fiscal year. BIA considers these projects a priority and funds them as follows:

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(1) If a tribe submits a project before the issuance of the FPL and it is determined as eligible for IRRHPP funds, BIA will provide funding before providing funding for the other approved projects on the FPL; or

(2) If a tribe submits a project after the issuance of the FPL and the distribution of the IRRHPP funds, BIA will provide funding when funds provided to the FPL projects is returned to BIA due to their inability to be obligated. (See § 170.212(c).)

(b) If BIA uses funding previously designated for a project on the FPL to fund an emergency/disaster project, the FPL project that lost its funding will move to the top of the FPL for the following year.

### POPULATION ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

#### **§ 170.220 What is the Population Adjustment Factor?**

The Population Adjustment Factor (PAF) is a special portion of the total IRR Program distribution calculated annually that provides for broader participation in the IRR Program by tribes (or a governmental subdivision of a tribe authorized to administer the tribe's IRR Program funding). The PAF is based upon the population ranges and distribution factors in appendix B to subpart C. The population data used is the American Indian and Alaska Native Service Population developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), (25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*). Appendix B to subpart C explains how the PAF is derived. The funds generated by the PAF can be used for transportation planning or IRR projects.

#### **§ 170.221 What funding is available for distribution using the PAF?**

When the annual authorization for the IRR Program is greater than \$275 million, 12.5 percent of the amount above \$275 million after the appropriate statutory and regulatory set-asides, as well as other takedowns, is available for distribution using the PAF.

### RELATIVE NEED DISTRIBUTION FACTOR

#### **§ 170.223 What is the Relative Need Distribution Factor (RNDF)?**

The Relative Need Distribution Factor (RNDF) is a mathematical formula used for distributing the IRR Program construction funds. The RNDF is derived from a combination of the cost to construct, vehicle miles traveled, and population. Appendix C to subpart C explains how the RNDF is derived and applied.

### IRR INVENTORY AND LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING (LRTP)

#### **§ 170.225 How does the LRTP process relate to the IRR Inventory?**

The LRTP process (see subpart D) is a uniform process that identifies the transportation needs and priorities of the tribes. The IRR Inventory is derived from transportation facilities identified through LRTP. It is also a means for identifying projects for the IRRHPP Program.

#### **§ 170.226 How will this part affect the IRR Inventory?**

The IRR Inventory defined in this part will expand the IRR Inventory for funding purposes to include:

- (a) All roads, highway bridges, and other eligible transportation facilities that were previously approved in the BIA Road System in 1992 and each following year;
- (b) All Indian reservation roads constructed using Highway Trust funds since 1983;
- (c) All designated IRR routes (25 CFR 170.442–170.444);
- (d) Non-road transportation related facilities; and
- (e) Other applicable IRR transportation facilities.

#### **§ 170.227 How does BIA develop and use the IRR Inventory?**

The IRR Inventory as defined in § 170.442 identifies the transportation need by providing the data that BIA uses to generate the Cost to Construct (CTC) and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) components of RNDF. The IRR Inventory is developed through the LRTP process, as described in §§ 170.410 through 170.415. BIA Regional offices